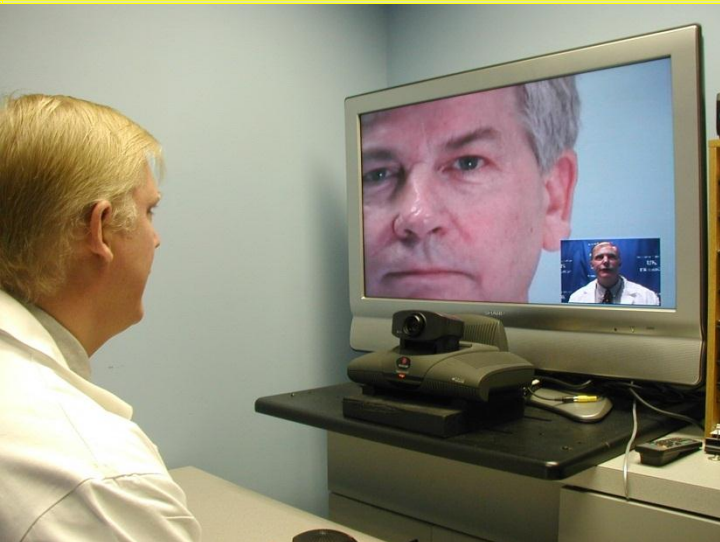


# ***Kentucky TeleHealth Network (KTHN) Update***



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# Telehealth history in KY

- 1994 – Telehealth launched at UK
- 1997 – 1<sup>st</sup> Dept. of Juvenile Justice
- 1998 – Medicare reimbursement legislation
- 1999 – Eastern KY, UK-centric network
- 2000 - Passage of KY telehealth legislation
  - 4 training/resource centers, M-caid/Commercial reimbursement (MC restrictions), statewide expansion, Board of Directors
- 2001 – Post 9/11 work with DPH led to community PH centers adoption of technology
- 2005 – Statewide 7 digit dial plan for all VTC
- Ongoing work with KY Corrections



# What's Next?...

## *Leverage KTHN for the benefit of all Kentuckians*

- Help the medically underserved
- Partner with Nursing Homes
- Deploy with scale in corrections
- Integrate into Managed Care
- Attack Medicaid Travel Expenses (\$65M+)
- Pilot programs to reimburse providers obvious programs such as wraparound care for children with disabilities
- **MUST CONSIDER** how telehealth supports a reformed healthcare system as we move to pay-for-performance and away from transactional payments